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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2001, please amend the above-captioned patent application, without prejudice, as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete the text from after the period at the end of Claim 8, to the start of

Claim 9.